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Cover/Signature Page - Abbreviated Template

Institution Submitting Request: Utah State University

Proposed Title: MS and PhD in Range Science – Drop Specializations in Game-Range Management, International Range Management, Range Rehabilitation, and Range Resource Economics

Currently Approved Title: MS and PhD in Range Science

School or Division or Location: College of Natural Resources

Department(s) or Area(s) Location: Department of Wildland Resources

Recommended Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code¹ (for new programs): 26.1301

Current Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code (for existing programs): 26.1301

Proposed Beginning Date (for new programs): 08/26/2013

Institutional Board of Trustees' Approval Date: 01/04/2013

Proposal Type (check all that apply):

R401-5		R401-6	
<i>Items submitted will be reviewed by OCHE. If there are any issues, the proposal will be returned for clarification/correction. If no issues, the proposal will be returned with a note of approval and the request will be placed on the General Consent Calendar of the next Regents' agenda.</i>		<i>Items submitted will be reviewed by OCHE. If there are any issues, the proposal will be returned for clarification/correction. If no issues, the proposal will be returned with a note of approval and the request will be placed on the General Consent Calendar of the next Regents' agenda.</i>	
Section #	Item	Section #	Item
4.1.5.2	<input type="checkbox"/> Minor*	6.1.1	<input type="checkbox"/> Reinstatement of Previously Suspended Program
5.1.1.1	<input type="checkbox"/> New Emphasis on an Existing Degree*	6.1.5	<input type="checkbox"/> Reinstatement of Previously Suspended Unit
5.1.2	<input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Proficiency Not Eligible for Financial Aid		
5.1.3	<input type="checkbox"/> Out-of-Service Area Delivery of Programs		
5.1.4	<input type="checkbox"/> Name Change of Existing Programs		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Program Transfer		
5.1.5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Program Restructure		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Program Consolidation		
5.1.6	<input type="checkbox"/> Program Discontinuation		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Program Suspension		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Unit Creation		
5.1.7	<input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Unit Transfer		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Unit Consolidation		
	<input type="checkbox"/> New Center		
5.1.8	<input type="checkbox"/> New Institute		
	<input type="checkbox"/> New Bureau		
5.1.9	<input type="checkbox"/> Graduate Certificate		

*Requires "Section VI: Program Curriculum" of Abbreviated Template

Chief Academic Officer (or Designee) Signature:

I certify that all required institutional approvals have been obtained prior to submitting this request to the Office of the Commissioner.

Signature

Date: 06/21/13

Printed Name: Dr. Laurens H. Smith, Jr.

¹ CIP codes must be recommended by the submitting institution. For CIP code classifications, please see <http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cipcode/Default.aspx?y=55>.

Program Request - Abbreviated Template
Utah State University
MS and PhD in Range Science
09/05/2012

Section I: Request

The Department of Wildland Resources proposes to restructure its MS and PhD in Range Science by dropping the existing specializations in Game-Range Management, International Range Management, Range Rehabilitation, and Range Resource Economics.

Section II: Need

This restructure is necessary to allow the Department of Wildland Resources to drop specializations that are not used by Range Science MS and PhD students and faculty in the department. These specializations reflect subject areas that are no longer available in the department (Range Resources Economics), are handled under the department's Ecology MS and PhD degrees (Range Rehabilitation), or just do not reflect how we organize or describe our programs, and therefore are not used by anyone (Game-Range Management and International Range Management). An R401-5 has been filed that will make a Range Ecology specialization available within our Ecology MS and PhD degrees, which will make it easier to highlight a range focus within our MS and PhD degrees in Ecology. The proposed change will not affect the rigor of the Range Science MS or PhD programs or the courses taken. It will simplify our program marketing by dropping specializations that are not used (Game-Range Management and International Range Management), and will clarify our program marketing by dropping a specialization that is not available (Range Resources Economics).

Section III: Institutional Impact

The proposed program restructure will simplify and clarify the Wildland Resources Department's MS and PhD program in Range Science. This change will not affect our administrative structures, nor will it change faculty or staff requirements, or required facilities. The required coursework will not change, and the academic requirements of the masters and doctoral program will not be affected or changed.

Section IV: Finances

No additional costs are anticipated as a result of this change.

Section V: Program Curriculum –NA

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